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ASSEMBLY AND METHOD

Docket No.: FMT1P025

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Art Unit: 3738

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Please find submitted herewith, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) transmittal and accompanying Amendment B directed to the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully submit that the RCE filing is proper since prosecution in the above-identified application is closed and included herewith is a reply to the outstanding Final Office Action.

As noted on the RCE transmittal, Applicants authorize the Director to charge all fees, or credit any overpayments, associated with this filing to Deposit Account No. 50-1894. The fees include the RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) and the extension of time fee as indicated on the attached petition for an extension of time. If for any reason the petition should become separated from this reply, the Commissioner is respectfully requested to consider this a petition for any extension of time required to maintain the pendency of this patent application. In this event the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1894 for any fee that may be required to maintain the pendency of this patent application

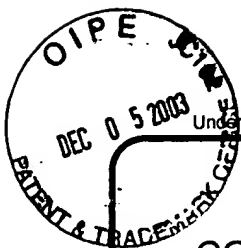
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

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- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

3. **Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 12/09/2003 DTESSEM1 00000044 501894 09484548
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:2801 385.00 DA
- iii. ☐ Other

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